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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. PCT/JP2004/018432	International filing date (day/month/year) 03/12/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 24/12/2003
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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the language, the International search was carried out on the basis of the International application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the International application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

TRENCH GATE FIELD EFFECT DEVICES

5. With regard to the abstract,

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6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention relates to a technique for reducing the on-voltage of the semiconductor device by increasing the concentration of minority carriers in the deep region (26) and the intermediate region (28). A semiconductor device according to the invention comprises an electrode, a top region (36) of a second conductivity type connected to the electrode, a deep region of the second conductivity type, and an intermediate region of a first conductivity type connected to the electrode. A portion of the intermediate region isolates the top region and the deep region. The semiconductor device further comprises a gate electrode (32) facing the portion of the intermediate region via an insulating layer. The portion facing the gate electrode isolates the top region and the deep region. The semiconductor device according to the invention further comprises a barrier region (40) that is formed within the intermediate region and/or the top region.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H01L29/739 H01L29/78 H01L29/10

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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